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BUILDING PERMITS IN THE 200 LARGEST CITIES REBOUND

NEW YORK, March 17--According to Dun & Bradstreet, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities rebounded 14.1 per cent in September to $2,943,590,806 after slowing to $2,580,497,908 in the month prior. D&B also reports that permits marked a 4.2 per cent gain over their comparable September 1979 level of $2,825,024,489.

Plans filed by builders in New York upturned in September to a level of $71,033,175. This represented a 19 per cent improvement from the sizeable drop to $59,669,497 in August. Filings in New York likewise exceeded their year-earlier level of $65,581,478 by 8.3 percentage points.

Permit activity in the 199 cities outside New York also bounced back during September to a thirteen-month high. They reached $2,872,557,631 during September, 14 per cent more than the $2,520,828,411 recorded one month earlier. And, compared with their year-ago level of $2,759,443,011, permits were up 4.1 per cent in these 199 cities. Individually, Fort Worth saw issuances leap to $134.4 million in September, significantly above both month-ago and year-ago levels. Other cities with sizeable percentage gains from August and from September 1979 included Los Angeles, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Lowell (Mass.), Colorado Springs, and Glendale (Calif.).

During the first three quarters of 1980, permits in all 200 cities reached $23,024,246,979, bettering by 2.6 per cent the $22,435,709,617 reading for the like span in 1979. Of the twenty-five cities with the highest nine-month cumulative figures for 1980, five were in the state of Texas; four were in California, and two in Oklahoma.

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2. SEPTEMBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February.....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September....	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November.....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December.....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL.....		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first nine months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Nine Months 1980	% Change Nine Months 1979
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1687.1	- 0.4
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	1469.5	+ 20.8
3.	New York, New York.....	862.4	+ 27.8
4.	Dallas, Texas.....	747.0	+ 3.9
5.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	539.0	+ 108.8
6.	Chicago, Illinois.....	528.4	- 12.5
7.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	514.1	- 4.0
8.	San Diego, California.....	444.3	- 21.5
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	408.2	+ 5.7
10.	San Francisco, California.....	404.8	+ 6.5
11.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	394.5	+ 10.4
12.	Seattle, Washington.....	379.7	- 3.0
13.	Austin, Texas.....	361.3	+ 10.5
14.	Washington, D. C.....	324.7	+ 48.0
15.	San Jose, California.....	314.3	- 10.6
16.	San Antonio, Texas.....	313.3	+ 11.1
17.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	312.6	+ 22.0
18.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	285.5	+ 14.4
19.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	276.0	+ 7.6
20.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	267.3	+ 24.9
21.	Detroit, Michigan.....	264.8	+ 75.7
22.	Memphis, Tennessee.....	264.2	+ 66.3
23.	Columbus, Ohio.....	251.3	- 13.8
24.	Baltimore, Maryland.....	215.6	+ 43.8
25.	Jacksonville, Florida.....	210.5	+ 25.6

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		SEPTEMBER 1980	NINE MONTHS 1980	NINE MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	21,571,000	498,703,436	302,721,839
	BRONX	8,024,950	45,393,460	73,389,683
	BROOKLYN	19,718,400	145,868,003	115,926,204
	QUEENS	15,269,800	111,678,285	98,977,204
	RICHMOND	6,449,025	60,795,672	83,855,779
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	71,033,175	862,438,856	674,870,709
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	36,840,479	528,434,363	604,183,611
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	184,614,971	1,469,506,852	1,216,953,647
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	45,848,704	538,963,231	258,121,961
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	34,924,934	264,802,129	150,730,361
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	189,388,655	1,687,065,870	1,693,046,507
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	8,132,459	215,577,084	149,870,657
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	97.856,737	747,039,293	718,957,885
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	23,573,177	324,664,779	219,390,487
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	24,769,464	87,557,936	87,651,724
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	49,829,453	285,453,701	249,603,385
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	23,240,235	130,604,956	112,195,821
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	34,559,988	404,845,015	379,976,933
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	59,553,184	444,328,595	566,143,524
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	65,664,919	313,319,674	282,063,691
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	20,180,000	190,344,900	273,461,237
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	27,129,461	264,221,394	158,874,256
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	36,936,361	134,248,815	82,044,163
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	23,012,947	148,643,622	228,328,455
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	81,390,319	514,091,865	535,535,453
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	27,833,021	251,298,203	291,499,687
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	24,643,067	379,670,568	391,278,203
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	25,631,484	210,525,609	167,605,084
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	12,379,704	125,768,203	98,229,227
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	25,667,656	202,767,646	270,367,808
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	22,191,255	133,249,072	143,737,883
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	32,962,372	394,476,426	357,233,013
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	5,068,788	27,291,334	24,930,314
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	17,489,982	153,673,623	164,054,937
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	22,102,112	167,304,751	201,461,823
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	43,285,030	314,267,779	351,446,170
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	12,622,090	169,248,277	177,428,507
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	134,370,850	312,589,776	256,284,110
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	6,493,329	75,594,048	85,846,194
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	21,019,755	183,568,210	185,520,376
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,608,568	31,172,572	17,576,324
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	92,153,123	275,966,787	256,489,408
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,938,866	99,750,275	84,306,914
39.	LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY	28,017,952	91,738,649	27,484,989
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	8,423,510	101,360,921	85,418,681
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	9,487,458	70,139,776	100,201,336
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	48,116,414	172,784,570	159,289,476
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	29,628,900	267,300,202	214,038,852
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	26.513,489	408,177,656	386,197,104
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	27,156,138	163,767,486	190,604, 858
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	9,186,893	100,193,879	114,604,213
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	5,983,131	45,547,265	57,358,841
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	15,427,581	161,576,084	97,082,223
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	6,834,812	59,807,924	31,501,477
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	18,943,263	176,632,537	65,196,212
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	13,987,244	109,972,479	140,462,677
52.	AKRON, OHIO	9,800,951	54,986,559	39,478,518
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	26,689,662	123,761,871	161,620,507
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,081,960	35,194,815	12,877,451
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	18,184,899	121,552,710	225,725,166
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	30,376,800	361,260,115	326,983,241
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	7,157,818	76,360,365	35,102,992
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	27,149,922	172,142,284	255,728,959
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	3,420,337	49,865,097	75,299,306
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	26,477,742	160,425,146	103,149,604
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	9,690,265	73,772,602	64,183,173
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	12,438,163	133,305,554	136,594,807
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	852,947	14,814,039	9,583,107
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	10,219,491	70,650,425	73,460,226
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	5,194,315	73,729,544	49,549,613
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	1,366,658	13,851,704	42,157,322
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	1,450,912	39,801,740	36,489,515
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	10,373,025	110,257,316	76,591,542
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	12,826,932	74,012,941	92,826,987
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	539,679	3,294,165	6,110,393
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,373,950	15,549,325	24,303,085
72.	PORT WAYNE, INDIANA	5,188,654	103,560,824	57,058,492
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,770,819	22,523,245	12,843,692
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	3,690,942	68,417,610	115,211,522
75.	GARY INDIANA	2,088,850	12,771,740	20,025,917
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	13,525,573	66,055,478	69,160,006
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,243,642	48,694,965	49,626,896
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	26,412,128	183,239,428	199,043,983
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	5,201,860	74,338,923	119,635,339
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	3,827,022	24,614,196	49,533,581
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	22,269,275	106,700,726	139,381,344
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	21,808,718	126,864,090	169,319,966
83.	BATON ROUGE, CALIFORNIA	19,318,777	116,946,896	138,312,479
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	19,907,432	48,106,220	47,366,388
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,246,840	81,103,757	30,766,288
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	4,763,569	56,159,836	64,098,072
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,710,711	9,662,137	15,091,963
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	13,131,858	76,587,261	98,662,155
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	8,484,341	63,993,072	38,802,564
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	4,476,190	71,495,128	62,916,867
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	10,624,407	63,830,182	62,485,854
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,985,540	60,405,085	81,755,634
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	4,438,299	41,928,100	40,453,776
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,279,327	17,003,230	11,620,217
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	6,186,379	73,976,523	61,159,395
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	4,976,256	53,022,300	58,819,105
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	5,312,315	11,591,519	12,015,669
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	19,004,500	86,699,901	72,033,855
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	7,065,361	29,715,937	23,302,872
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,515,659	27,609,755	38,777,027
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	3,981,444	59,356,482	50,717,528
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	766,085	39,487,454	14,589,245
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	29,950,327	162,796,905	157,119,997
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	2,553,445	55,794,135	29,889,150
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	9,730,700	64,245,800	78,436,200
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	4,754,795	65,579,696	48,382,894
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	26,461,643	74,693,124	75,096,112
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	12,987,937	76,696,150	98,719,779
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	1,557,734	18,240,148	49,325,291
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	1,073,500	10,677,288	19,298,039
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	17,979,426	98,532,629	62,186,880
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	2,651,080	27,774,531	40,357,816
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	9,309,318	144,147,555	183,208,512
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	2,060,997	55,292,329	36,029,765
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	4,345,250	40,888,298	43,427,606
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	2,341,640	21,147,824	37,254,209
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,381,483	45,865,996	42,913,735
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	15,812,841	117,124,725	102,782,095
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,789,854	20,756,531	35,218,186
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	9,246,653	39,708,051	69,534,842
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,866,585	65,316,557	51,797,809
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	7,053,155	33,213,179	34,188,300
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	2,415,012	26,947,210	25,674,632
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CAL	1,572,802	40,129,025	58,051,733
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	7,992,802	97,148,953	59,798,555
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,173,653	16,507,059	15,820,561
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,634,863	35,010,072	14,623,263
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	19,071,256	76,164,493	53,312,771
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	688,588	9,282,487	6,296,433
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,956,504	19,735,582	24,671,771
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	3,079,024	14,981,473	22,039,287
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	12,657,849	82,814,800	80,688,511
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	1,547,390	25,973,559	49,104,620
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	5,412,178	31,561,699	79,163,644
135.	CANTON, OHIO	2,054,236	31,858,919	26,711,204
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	1,096,535	21,217,928	17,164,800
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	13,137,337	46,119,929	142,953,768
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	8,176,598	89,193,422	108,728,700
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	6,083,584	25,148,742	10,425,564
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	474,294	10,225,921	28,587,502
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	11,974,086	92,446,251	131,286,462
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	4,445,917	91,321,640	107,073,451
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	1,762,177	7,085,589	4,844,179
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	8,997,629	57,539,218	59,658,929
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	1,422,888	26,165,939	87,828,647
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	422,615	11,625,734	6,608,828
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	81,760	2,387,498	2,639,544
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	4,929,417	29,540,452	34,523,511
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	229,535	6,639,640	13,783,572
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	9,028,600	79,664,700	129,477,300
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	1,385,772	32,623,073	20,578,470
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,232,720	55,394,773	26,484,374
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,311,050	12,780,880	24,014,350
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	2,729,061	29,022,722	30,782,705
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	4,489,871	105,493,325	54,871,428
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	5,993,160	25,544,209	72,040,929
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	2,598,042	38,486,816	111,501,121
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,132,790	10,914,488	28,788,779
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	19,488,217	144,404,521	66,074,068
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	281,067	4,690,768	5,262,789
161.	DURAM, NORTH CAROLINA	9,932,732	45,209,375	38,489,245
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	5,899,681	69,622,619	81,276,239
163.	WACO, TEXAS	8,620,092	54,392,380	72,192,591
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	432,780	28,926,054	16,765,537
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	17,059,696	39,238,426	18,753,729
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	1,886,735	62,630,166	59,627,450
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	9,178,697	73,603,044	55,168,306
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	4,141,127	20,697,912	19,559,491
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	181,837	21,705,551	9,451,737
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	330,300	5,479,010	5,859,240
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	2,527,324	33,466,785	51,319,831
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	499,179	11,431,092	7,275,452
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	3,664,758	13,622,723	11,269,097
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	23,230,564	190,214,897	250,500,161
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,965,845	18,666,301	24,944,876
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	1,791,900	5,740,325	8,215,861
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,867,979	26,966,034	15,511,693
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,686,685	50,299,329	47,057,705
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	14,392,367	65,209,551	60,827,496
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	6,518,414	34,222,368	55,775 058
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	638,239	45,020,993	12,832 150
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	5,151,778	48,061,742	52,791,486
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	349,725	5,019,061	3,182,847
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	7,101,837	21,980,730	19,432,153
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	4,067,466	74,602,686	125,992 358
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	395,828	3,894,974	4,551,700
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	527,795	20,550,683	7,730,536
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,683,645	22,977,087	50,159,581
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	3,119,337	28,994,487	28,046,891
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	7,752,986	63,032,500	68,838,780
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	540,068	7,450,119	7,811,904
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	11,983,539	60,294,982	65,625,550
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	2,969,422	94,821,090	33,845,691
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,164,600	9,079,410	13,574,013
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	809,774	9,082,318	22,223,056
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	14,320,962	30,415,486	38,467,128
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	761,173	18,013,669	12,506,156
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	4,379,385	33,197,563	29,935,043
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	539,000	4,981,780	8,968,090
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	939,653	50,760,883	46,901,946
TOTAL:	200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,943,590,806	23,024,246,979	22,435,709,617

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